

Welcome to the Lycoming County Veterans Memorial Park

A Tribute to Fallen Soldiers

In the 1990s, a group of local veterans resolved to establish a memorial to a Lycoming County man, Robert B. Logue, who perished aboard a submarine during World War II. The USS Wahoo was lost with all hands in October 1943 after it fired three torpedoes at a Japanese freighter in the Sea of Japan. The last torpedo returned and struck the bow of the Wahoo. Badly crippled and unable to dive in deep water, the Wahoo attempted to escape but while passing La Perouse on Oct. 11, 1943, she was spotted and fired upon by 6-inch coastal guns. The Wahoo, submerged in shallow water near shore, was destroyed.

The group of veterans also recognized that Robert Logue was not the only person from the county who made the supreme sacrifice while serving aboard a submarine; David K. Sloan Jr. perished during service on the Corvina, and Edward J. Szendrey, on the Sea Wolf. In recognition of this the submarine memorial was dedicated May 16, 1992 in their memory, but it was just the start of things to come for what became Veterans Memorial Park.

On Nov. 21, 1996, the City of Williamsport was deeded the land on which the submarine memorial stood and the Veterans Memorial Commission was formed to oversee the site. Commission members come from throughout Lycoming County and are appointed for five-year terms by the Williamsport mayor. The commission has been composed of members with service from each branch of the military and from various eras. Attempts are made to diversify this group with people of different genders, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

The Lycoming County Veterans Council Inc. has undertaken fund-raising and planning for new monuments to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice during each of the major wars of the 20th Century, and beyond. Future plans include a walk of memorials dating from the Revolutionary War and the birth of our nation.

Monuments

Nov. 9, 1997: The World War II monument is unveiled. It bears the names of 415 Lycoming County residents who died in World War II. Of that number, 175 were residents of Williamsport.

Nov. 15, 1998: The World War I monument is dedicated. It bears the names of 131 Lycoming County residents who died in that war.

May 29, 1999: A decommissioned M60-A3 Army tank is dedicated at the park in honor of military service provided by residents of Lycoming County, past, present and future.

May 27, 2000: Veterans and others demonstrate that they will never forget as they come together to dedicate a memorial to Lycoming County residents who were killed during the Korean War. This monument bears 60 names.

May 26, 2001: The Vietnam War monument is unveiled. It bears the names of 43 Lycoming County residents killed serving in the Vietnam War.

World Conflicts

The Lycoming County Veterans Council Inc. new monument features a map of the world. Through this monument and subsequent smaller tablets, the veteran's community will have the opportunity to memorialize any member of the military from the county who makes the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

Visiting the park

Veterans Memorial Park is located on the far western end of West Fourth Street at Wahoo Drive. If you are coming from the west on Route 220, take the Fourth Street exit. The park will be on the right-hand side.

If you are coming from any other direction, take Interstate 180 west to the West Third Street exit. Turn left at the bottom of the ramp and proceed to the traffic signal at Arch Street. Turn right and proceed to the next traffic signal at West Fourth Street. Turn left and continue through the Newberry area, past the Williamsport Area High School on the right, and continue up the hill. The park will be on the left-hand side at the intersection of West Fourth and Wahoo Drive.

Donations

Lycoming County Veterans Council Inc. continues to raise funds for ongoing efforts to develop, enhance and maintain the park. Donations may be made to the Veterans Council at:

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245 West 4th Street, Williamsport, Pa 17701
Or Post office Box 66, Montoursville, Pa 17754